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## 1. Time Schedule for the Electrification of Lines

Construction Period	Line	Completion Date
1954/55	Halle-Magdeburg/Rothensee	31 August 1955
1955/56	Leipzig-Halle und Gueteraussenring von Leipzig	31 March 1956
1956/59	Leipzig-Werdau-Zwickau-Chemnitz-Dresden	30 June 1959
1959/60	Leipzig-Bitterfeld-Magdeburg	31 August 1960
1960/61	Leipzig-Erfurt und Halle-Erfurt	31 December 1961
1961/63	Erfurt-Sangerhausen-Schoenebeck/Elbe	30 May 1963
1963/64	Bad Koenigsberg-Berka und Erfurt-Eisenach	30 May 1964

The Halle-Schoenebeck section of the Halle-Magdeburg line is scheduled to be electrified as early as 1954. A total of 36 electric locomotives would be required for this section.

Preparations are being made for a resumption of operations at the Muldenstein power plant in 1954. The switching plant will be 50 percent completed by 1954.

Comment. Of the lines mentioned, the Halle-Magdeburg, the Magdeburg-Bitterfeld-Leipzig, and the Halle-Leipzig railroad lines had been operated electrically since 1945.

Comment. A total of 185 former German electric locomotives were returned by the Soviets in 1952. By improper handling in the USSR they have suffered such heavy damage that their repair is almost as costly as the building of new locomotives.

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